

PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

MEETING OF APRIL 30, 2008

A regular meeting of the Lexington Planning Board was held in the Planning Office, Room G-1, Town Office Building, and called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Hornig with members Canale, Zurlo and Manz and planning staff McCall-Taylor and Kaufman present. Mr. Galaitis was absent.

***** ARTICLES FOR 2008 TOWN MEETING*****

The positions of the Board are still held on Article 53-60. The Board signed the motion to amend Article 55. Mr. Hornig asked if the Board had any interest in taking a position on the Monroe School Articles. Ms. Manz said more than \$500,000 of CPA funds would be used for a fire suppression system and then the Selectmen were considering selling the school to an arts group for \$1.00 so that the Town would get out from under any further liability. There was concern that as other upgrades are needed on the building, there would be repeated requests for historic preservation funds even after the building was sold.

Mr. Hornig felt there was not enough information available for the Board to take a position on the Monroe School Article at this time.

***** SUBDIVISION ADMINISTRATION*****

Clelland Road, Release of Covenant: The applicant requested a release of subdivision covenant so that a closing can take place on May 12, 2008. Since there is now a meeting scheduled before that date, the Board decided to postpone action until meeting on May 7 to allow a final inspection by the Town.

***** MINUTES*****

Review of Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes for the April 9, 2008. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, 4-0, to approve the minutes.

The Board reviewed and corrected the minutes for the April 16, 2008. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted, 4-0, to approve the minutes as amended.

*****PLANNING BOARD ORGANIZATION SCHEDULE*****

A press release for an Associate Planning Board Member was sent to the Lexington Minuteman for

publication on May 8th. Mr. Hornig said he had sent a message to the TMMA list and had gotten one informal response.

There will be a Planning Board meeting on May 5, 2008, if Articles 53 through 60 were not resolved at Town Meeting tonight. The Board would make that determination after this evening's Town Meeting.

***** BOARD REPORTS*****

Mr. Canale said he would send the zoning reform update out to the Board. He reported that Supervisor Nelson from Minute Man National Historical Park was concerned about the Starwood hotel's white roof, which shows from Fiske Hill. The Board discussed the matter and determined the Park should deal directly with Starwood; perhaps a screen could hide the roof. Next Tuesday there will be a determination of applicability under the Wetlands Protection Act for the trail connecting the hotels to the Park.

Mr. Zurlo said the EDTF is going to see the final report from the Cecil Group in two weeks. The EDTF will meet two weeks after and comment.

Mr. Canale said there will be a MetroFuture Strategy session on May 28. When he receives an agenda, he will forward it to the Board.

Mr. Hornig said May 19 was a possible date to have the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen. He was awaiting a call back from Jeanne Krieger.

The Board recessed at 7:10 p.m. to reconvene at the town meeting in Cary Auditorium.

On a motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Wendy Manz, Clerk